

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A dyeing basket to contain articles to be subjected to treatments wherein liquors are added and/or removed and/or extracted, said basket including a plurality of compartments joined to one another by means to allow access to said compartments.

2. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 1, wherein said compartments include plane surfaces to position the articles, said plane surfaces being displaceable reciprocally away from or towards one another.

3. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 2, wherein said plane surfaces have openings for the circulation of a dye liquor.

4. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said compartments comprises an outer side, the sides of the various compartments being closable in contact with one another.

5. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 2, wherein each of said compartments comprises an outer side, the sides of the various compartments being closable in contact with one another.

6. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 3, wherein each of said compartments

comprises an outer side, the sides of the various compartments being closable in contact with one another.

7. (Currently Amended) A basket as claimed in ~~any one of the previous claims~~ claim 1, wherein said compartments extend circularly.

8. (Currently Amended) A basket as claimed in ~~at least claim 4, 5 or 6,~~ wherein each of said outer sides closable in contact with one another is connected to one of said plane.

9. (Currently Amended) A basket, as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 6, wherein said compartments define an extensible structure, said compartments being joined to one another by jointed elements.

10. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 9, wherein said jointed elements join said plane surfaces to one another in twos.

11. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 9, including a rigid structure connected to said extensible structure.

12. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 11, wherein said rigid structure includes a hollow cylinder.

13. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 12, wherein said hollow cylinder and said compartments are coaxial.

14. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 13, wherein in the layout of minimum extension of said extensible structure the compartments are positioned around the hollow cylinder, said compartments each comprising an inner side surrounding said hollow cylinder.

15. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 9, wherein said jointed elements include hinge means that allow relative movement between contiguous plane surfaces.

16. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 15, wherein said hinge means include at least two linear components connected to each other with a hinge in correspondence with one of the ends, the other ends being connected, again with hinges, to two adjacent compartments of the basket.

17. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 16, wherein said two linear components are connected to the upper plane surface in correspondence with supports and to the lower plane surface in correspondence with linear elements.

18. (Original) A basket as claimed in at least claim 15, wherein said hinge means include a linear element engaged in correspondence with one of the ends to a plane surface by a hinge

connection and in correspondence with the other end to a contiguous plane surface by a connection formed of a slot and a pin.

19. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 15, wherein said relative movements between contiguous plane surfaces take place in a vertical direction by a lifting force applied to a hooking point connected to said extensible structure, said force causing extension of the jointed elements.

20. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 11, including a hooking point integral with said rigid structure, which provides a point for the application of forces to perform lifting and/or movement and/or transport of the basket in the closed position.

21. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 3, wherein closing and opening of said sides closable in contact with one another is determined by the distance between two contiguous plane surfaces.

22. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 11, wherein said extensible structure and said rigid structure are connected to each other in correspondence with a portion of said extensible structure.

23. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 11, wherein said rigid structure is disposed

outside said compartments.

24. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 23, wherein said rigid structure comprises linear elements disposed outside and perpendicular to said plane surfaces.

25. (Original) A basket as claimed in claim 9, wherein said extensible structure can be locked in the position of minimum extension by hooking means so as to adopt a rigid layout.